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## T.O. splashes onto world stage as Pan Am Games start today

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## 14-YEAR-OLD DIES IN TRAGIC GUN INCIDENT

Witnesses say Lecent Ross was accidentally killed while handling a firearm

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EVENTS

## What to watch at Games



**Luke Simcoe**  
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The wait is over. The Pan Am Games Opening Ceremony starts tonight at 8 p.m. at the Rogers Centre.

The capacity crowd of 45,000 will be wowed by a special performance from Cirque du Soleil, and the event will be broadcast across Canada by CBC.

The Games' starting pistol officially sounds off Saturday at 9 a.m., with the first medals being awarded in the women's 400-metre canoeing event. Canada's golden paddler, Adam van Koeverden, will also be hitting the water for the men's kayak sprint.

Canada's men's rugby team will start their gold medal defence Saturday at noon, squaring off against Guyana.

There are also high hopes for Canada's women's rugby players, as the sport makes its debut at the Games this year.

Sunday's marquee is undoubtedly men's soccer, with the Canadian team facing stiff competition from Brazil.

The game kicks off at 8:35 p.m.

In non-sporting news, award-winning First Nations electronic band A Tribe Called Red will be playing a free show at the Direct Energy Centre at 9 p.m. as part of Panamania.

# Let the Games begin

PAN AM

**Event will host about 7,600 athletes from 41 nations**

It's time.

Signs have been popping up for weeks. Actual signs, like the ones dictating new HOV rules, but little things too.

Pan Am stickers adorn cars stationed outside The Westin Harbour Castle hotel. Groups of athletes, decked out in matching outfits, roam the Distillery District. A flag cascades out a window in the athletes' village, visible from the Don Valley Parkway.

On Friday the Pan Am Games officially go from a little-known, faraway seeming event to a full-on spectacle.

Put gripes about slower commutes, closed businesses, and empty rooms aside. These Games are a "gift," according to organizers.

TO2015 CEO Saad Rafi touted some of the legacy projects — 10 new sport venues, the athlete's village slated to become a new downtown neighbourhood, and the Union Pearson Express — in a speech earlier this week thanking the Pan American Sports Organization.

"When you awarded us the bid, you made this transformation possible," Rafi said.

Toronto unwraps the gift with a sold-out opening ceremony Friday night at the Rogers Centre.

"World-class cities throw world-class parties and this is



**A group of Torontonians who came to catch Pan Am festivities at Nathan Phillips Square gather under a Pachi statue at Queen St. and Bay St. on Thursday.** LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

a world-class party that we're all going to benefit from," said Olympic gold medal winning kayaker Adam van Koeverden. "I'm excited for Torontonians to be able to experience this."

For those who didn't manage to score tickets, the ceremony will be rebroadcast at Nathan Phillips Square.

Though the opening cere-

mony, featuring a performance from Cirque du Soleil, is one of the hot items, ticket sales for the Games have been so-so.

At last count 800,000 of the 1.4 million available for both the Pan and Parapans were sold.

But organizers aren't worried.

"This is absolutely normal. What happens in these games: the long build up, you're only

dealing with the promises," said organizing committee chairman David Peterson. "The critics' noises are loud until everybody buys into it and says, 'Isn't that fun.'"

The sports will be spread across two weeks in July and a week in August as some 7,600 athletes, past and future Olympians, represent 41 nations.

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**HUDSON'S BAY**

# Opening ceremony a celebration of Toronto

## PAN AM GAMES

### Cirque du Soleil whips up a night to remember

The organizers behind the Pan Am opening ceremony only have to maintain the mystery a little longer before their vision is finally revealed.

Keeping mum about specific details, organizers promised that Friday's opening ceremony will deliver a thoroughly modern spectacle that celebrates the diversity of Toronto and surrounding cities.

Special guest stars such as famous Canadian athletes will make an appearance, although TO2015 CEO Saad Rafi is keeping a tight lid on who these might be.

"It's an opportunity to recognize Canadians and their contribution to society," Rafi said.

In partnership with the Cirque du Soleil, the opening ceremony will feature 625 performers from 25 different countries — some of them past Pan Am athletes themselves.

Cirque du Soleil has been developing the evening's show since 2013, when event organizer TO2015 approached the circus with the idea for an opening ceremony that celebrated Toronto's vibrant multicultural spirit.

"It's a fantastic inspiration to us," said creative director Jean Guibert at a press conference



Sketches of costumes designed by Renata Morales for the opening ceremony of the Pan Am Games. COURTESY TO2015

on Thursday.

Yasmine Khalil, president of Cirque's special events company 45 Degrees, said it spent as much time on this one night as it would developing a Cirque du Soleil show that would run for 20 years.

Costumes, designed by Montreal fashion designer Renata Morales, are a mix of surreal and

contemporary. Guibert promised that the whole event will be "young and fresh."

The evening will feature a mix of hip-hop, art and sport, and the performance will tell one story from beginning to end.

The ceremony, which will last about 2-1/2 hours, will end when the Pan Am torch lights the iron

cauldron, which sits at the base of the CN Tower.

The joy of the opening ceremony will be tempered with a solemn reminder of Pan Am Sports Organization president Mario Vazquez Rana, who died earlier this year at 82.

Pan Am athletes will play a prominent role in the ceremon-

ies, becoming "scenery" for the Cirque du Soleil show, Guibert said. Guibert stressed the connection many of the performers have to the Pan Am games, and mentioned that many are actually past competitors.

"Our world is really a blend of art and athleticism," he said.

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## Where to watch



**Jessica Smith Cross**  
Metro | Toronto

Tonight, the Pan Am Games officially kick off with the opening ceremony at the Rogers Centre, featuring an original Cirque du Soleil show, young dancers from across the province, as well as the Parade of Nations and the lighting of the Pan Am cauldron.

If you didn't score tickets to the live event, you can still take part. Here's how:

### 1. Join the crowd at Nathan Phillips Square

Beginning at 8 p.m., the opening ceremony will be shown on giant screens. There will also be a fireworks show.

### 2. Celebrate with Pride-HouseTO at Barbara Hall Park

PrideHouseTO is offering a live feed of the opening ceremony, beginning at 8 p.m. at 519 Church St.

### 3. Watch it on CBC

CBC will be airing an hour-long pre-show followed by the ceremony at 8 p.m. Scott Russell and Peter Mansbridge will host.

### 4. Watch it on your computer or smartphone

CBC is also streaming the pre-show and ceremony for free on [cbc.ca/panam](http://cbc.ca/panam) and on the CBC sports app for iPhone and Android.

### 5. Watch it at a sports bar

If you enjoy bevies or snacks, you can likely find a local establishment that will tune in to the ceremony, or you can head down to Real Sports, which will be showing it on its 39-foot big screen.

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# A ballgame in your backyard

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Loyal community members have come in droves to watch the home game along with passersby stopping to take in the spectacle, hot dogs in hand. Kids sprinkled around the field are running their own make-believe bases while parents are following each play with fervent attention. This is no amateur pick-up game — the athletes throw and run with as much fervour as the major-leaguers, but announcements made over a humble loud-speaker and an abundance of lawn chairs dotting the surrounding Pits slope provide a throwback to a lazy summer evening of the past.





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Social media exploded Thursday night with reports that the CN Tower in Toronto was ablaze. Photographs posted on Twitter showed smoke pouring from the observation deck of the tower.

Toronto fire officials determined the smoke was from a fireworks display connected with the Pan Am Games.

"I guess that's one way to get people to pay attention to the Pan Ams," one person tweeted.

STORY: THE CANADIAN PRESS

PHOTO: ASHTON LAWRENCE/TWITTER



# Doomsday shelter in jeopardy

**SURVIVALISM**

## Fire board orders doors welded shut ahead of meet

The Ark II survival shelter was designed to survive a nuclear blast, but it turns out all that's needed to shut it down is a few firemen and a welder.

Bruce Beach had the shelter built in 1980 by burying 42 school buses underground and encasing them in tons of concrete. The site in Horning's Mills, about 100 kilometres northeast of Toronto, is a virtual underground village that can house hundreds of people and includes everything from a panic room and holding cell to a nursery and kitchen.

"The purpose is for us to survive a nuclear war," said Beach.

Unfortunately, the Shelbourne and District Fire Department doesn't see the Ark II in the same light. The department ordered the shelter welded shut ahead of this weekend's third annual

"Preppers meet," when hundreds of people from all over the country will come to the site to practise their survival skills in case of economic collapse or nuclear fallout.

They won't stay in the shelter, just take tours and camp outside.

The letter from fire services cited a court order from 2000 and noted that on two previous occasions the door had been welded closed but that Beach might have reopened it.

"We are requesting the assistance of the OPP to seal the entrance to the underground bunker to deter access," said the memo issued by fire board chairman Tom Egan.

Beach sent a quick reply, stating that the court order had been overturned and that he had done all he could to apply for the necessary permits.

Sgt. Steven Sills with Dufferin OPP said that, currently, "the OPP have no lawful authority" to shut down the Ark II.

Still, with no response from the fire board and expecting hundreds of visitors in the next 24 hours, Beach isn't sure where he stands. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Above: Bruce Beach in front of his fallout shelter in Horning's Mills on Thursday.

Right: The women's washroom in Ark Two.

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Police officers gather around evidence collected from the home where Lecent Ross, 14, was shot, Thursday morning. ALLEN AGOSTINO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Lecent Ross FACEBOOK

# Girl's death treated as suspicious: Police

## INVESTIGATION

### 14-year-old dies in hospital after incident with handgun

A 14-year-old girl died in hospital, Thursday, following a morning shooting in Rexdale. Friends and neighbours identified the victim as Lecent Ross, who was shot in her public-housing complex on Jamestown Crescent near Martin Grove and Finch Avenue West around 10:30 a.m. Just after noon, police forensics teams could be seen leaving a unit with paper evi-

dence bags and sitting astride 4x4 all-terrain vehicles. Neighbours gathered to discuss what had happened, piecing together events. After visiting family in the morning, Lecent had stopped into unit 61 to visit a younger girl she regularly checked in on, said one of Lecent's best friends, Carllana Gordon. No one heard any shots, but witnesses told neighbours that Lecent had been shot accidentally while handling a handgun inside the unit. Ross was shot with a .40 cal Smith & Wesson, an illegal semi-automatic handgun, Det. Rich Petrie said in an update Thursday afternoon. The gun has since been seized by po-

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**Her little girl was supposed to come home and she didn't.**  
Michelle, a family friend

lice and investigators are trying to determine who pulled the trigger and who the gun belongs to. There were “other young people” and a parent in the house at the time of the shooting who are all cooperating with police, Petrie said. No charges have been laid and there are no outstanding suspects. But Petrie said that

Ross's death is being treated as a suspicious death investigation, not an accident. A family friend who has been staying with Alicia Jesquith, Lecent's mother, said it was just after 10:30 a.m. when a television news flash blasted through the living room. The friend said Jesquith immediately started to panic. To the half-dozen neighbours gathered in the parking lot at her housing complex, being involved with a gun was out of character for Lecent, who had just graduated from Grade 8 and was headed to high school in Mississauga in the fall. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## EDUCATION

### Catholic teachers inch closer to strike

Ontario's English Catholic Teachers are requesting a “no board” report that would move the teachers closer to a strike. The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, which represents 50,000 teachers, says it is taking the action after talks involving a conciliator failed to lead to an agreement with the provincial government and trustees. In a confidential update sent to members on Thursday, the union says it will be in a legal strike position on Aug. 17 and strike action will begin on the first scheduled instructional day of the 2015-16 school year. The update says strike action will initially take the form of an enhanced work-to-rule and specific details will be provided to members on Aug. 11. Its members voted 94 per cent for a strike mandate in April. Education Minister Liz

Sandals said in a statement Thursday afternoon that the government is prepared to compromise and work through issues to reach an agreement with the teachers. “We want students and teachers to start the new school year without disruptions,” Sandals said. Several major teachers' unions have raised the possibility of September strikes, listing class sizes, control over

teacher preparation time and hiring practices as sticking points in negotiations. More than 70,000 public high school students were out of school for weeks this spring due to strikes in the Toronto and Sudbury areas. The Ontario Labour Relations Board eventually ruled that the teachers' strikes in the Durham and Peel regions and the Rainbow District were illegal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Mo momos in T.O.

## PARKDALE

### Event to feature these savoury staples at eight Tibetan eateries



**Luke Simcoe**  
Metro | Toronto

The Tibetan community in Parkdale is set to show off its cuisine, with the first ever "momo crawl" happening in the neighbourhood later this month.

For the uninitiated, momos are a kind of dumpling popular in Tibet. The event, slated for July 26, will let you sample the savoury staple at eight different Tibetan eateries.

"There's been a really big boom of Tibetan restaurants in Parkdale. It's a symbol of the vibrant Tibetan culture that's becoming part of Toronto's landscape," said Ugyen Badheysang, director of Students for a Free Tibet Canada and one of the crawl's organizers.

Momos are typically stuffed with beef, although pork, chick-

en and vegetarian momos are also common. The dumplings are then steamed or fried and served with a spicy Tibetan hot sauce.

"Momos are usually eaten when there's a big gathering," Badheysang said. "The whole family will make the dough and mix the meat together."

Badheysang hopes the crawl will expose people to Tibetan culture and help them learn about the plight of the Tibetan people living under Chinese rule.

"People connect through food," he said. "Once you're done eating momos, you can find out about the culture."

An official momo passport can be purchased online for \$20, and gets you a total of 10 momos from any of the participating restaurants.



**The bustling Tibetan community in Parkdale is making itself seen and the neighbourhood has really embraced it.**

Ugyen Badheysang



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## LABOUR

### Medical pot workers seek union protection

In a world of increasingly precarious work, it seems grow-ops are no exception.

Low wages and erratic schedules have workers at a Markham-based medical marijuana producer seeking union protection, in what could be a precedent-setting fight for better work conditions in the burgeoning industry. But the battle is becoming increasingly acrimonious, as the union seeking to represent workers alleges their employer has waged a campaign of intimidation.

According to a new claim filed to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, medical cannabis produ-

cer MedReleaf, which is currently licensed by Health Canada, "engaged in very serious misconduct" to undermine a vote to unionize held in early June.

That union already represents pot growers in four U.S. states. But currently, none of the 25 medical marijuana producers licensed by Health Canada are unionized, according to the Canadian National Medical Marijuana Association.

MedReleaf's 52 employees began organizing in May after increasing concern over erratic hours, job security, and poor wages. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



## IN BRIEF

### Dog not responsible for death in Hamilton: Police

Neighbours heard piercing screams and loud barks as a man was attacked by a dog before he died on a residential street Wednesday night, but an autopsy has revealed the canine assault isn't what killed him.

What was responsible

for the unidentified man's death remained a mystery Thursday, with shaken area residents trying to piece together what happened.

"There was absolutely a dog attack. We're also confirming that that was not the cause of death," Hamilton police spokeswoman Catherine Martin said.

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# Canadian Forces troops fight a new enemy: Fire

## SASKATCHEWAN

### 200 soldiers endure smoke, ash, 30 C heat to save homes

"Watch out for the widowers!"

The platoon commander shouts the warning to about 200 soldiers slogging their way through dense brush, blackened trees and smouldering ash in the tiny First Nations community of Montreal Lake, about 250 kilometres north of Saskatoon.

A widemaker is any large branch or treetop no longer attached to a trunk, but still tangled overhead, that could fall at any time.

"Obviously there's the danger of the ash pits and the big concern right now is the burned-out trees — any widowers," says Master Cpl. Casey



**Military personnel set out to fight wildfires in La Ronge, Sask., Wednesday.** THE CANADIAN PRESS/CONTRIBUTED

Zaharoff. "And obviously a flare-up."

Zaharoff is one of the hundreds of Canadian Forces personnel who have traded their camouflage for bright orange fire-fighting jumpsuits to help beat back the flames in an unprecedented forest fire season.

For soldiers in northern Saskatchewan, orange is the new green.

A handful of homes and cabins in the area have already been destroyed by fires. The army was called in this week to help save the rest and get 10,000 people who have fled the smoke and flames back home.

The help is sorely needed.

Crews were holding protective lines around threatened communities Thursday, but

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**It's tough to see the homes destroyed and the damage the fire is causing and it's great we're doing something to ... put them out.**

Cpl. Donny Melsted

Afghanistan veteran

Steve Roberts with Saskatchewan Wildfire Management said warm, dry conditions and shifting winds could cause more trouble spots.

The soldiers push through the bush in long lines and climb over downed trees to get to ones that are still smoking or to hot spots on the ground. It's dry, smoky, hot work. The temperature was forecast to top 30 C on Thursday.

There is nothing high-tech in what they are doing: Their

main tools are shovels, axes and handheld water sprayers fed by plastic bladders on their backs.

It's challenging, says commanding officer Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker.

"Certainly fatigue and, of course, the heat are some of the threats that our soldiers deal with," he said. "Of course they're wearing protective equipment, goggles, hard hats, coveralls and gloves."

Stalker said there are about 200 soldiers in Montreal Lake and another group about the same size in La Ronge, the largest community under threat. He expects another 60 reservists from Saskatchewan will join the fight on the weekend.

Roberts said the province is looking for more firefighters and equipment from across the country and the United States. It is also working to train hundreds of new people to join the battle in the next few weeks.

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## FOREST FIRES

### Smoke covers the West

Large wildfires raging across Canada have contributed to a smoky haze lingering above the Western U.S., causing spectacular red sunsets in places including Seattle and prompting air quality warnings in Vancouver, and many states.

Parts of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan are ablaze. Alberta said Wednesday it was bringing in 62 firefighters from Mexico to help battle 92 wildfires, including 33 listed as out of control. British Columbia, with more than 180 fires, was bringing in crews from Australia.

The tiny particles of wildfire debris in the air pose a health risk for people with lung disease, older adults and children and anyone who exerts themselves outdoors, said Christopher Dann of Colorado's air pollution control division.

Air quality advisories have also been issued in North and South Dakota. Environment Canada continued to issue special air quality advisories for parts of B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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**Maria Calef, of Columbia, S.C., waves a sign as she celebrates in front of the South Carolina statehouse on Thursday.**

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# Rebel flag to come down

## SOUTH CAROLINA

### Governor passes new law three weeks after massacre

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill into law Thursday that will bring down the Confederate flag outside the Statehouse, a move that seemed unthinkable only a month ago in this Deep South state that was the first to secede from the Union.

The law requires the battle flag to be gone within 24 hours; her staff said it would be removed during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday and relegated to the state's Confederate Relic Room.

"The Confederate flag is coming off the grounds of the South Carolina Statehouse," Haley said. "We will bring it down with dignity and we will make sure it is

stored in its rightful place."

The flag first flew over the Statehouse dome in 1961 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Civil War and was kept there as a symbol of official opposition to the civil rights movement. Mass protests decades later led to a compromise in 2000 with lawmakers who insisted that the flag symbolized Southern heritage and state's rights.

They agreed then to move it to a 30-foot pole next to a Confederate monument out front. But even from that lower perch, the historic but divisive symbol remained clearly visible in the centre of town, and flag supporters remained a powerful bloc in the state.

The massacre three weeks ago of nine people inside their historic black church in Charleston suddenly changed this dynamic, not only in South Carolina but around the nation.

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## NATIONAL DEBT

### Greece concedes to reform demands

Greece finally met a deadline that mattered on Thursday and made a series of sweeping proposals that its creditors needed by midnight to set off a mad rush toward a weekend deal to stave off a financial collapse of the nation.

The package met long-standing demands by creditors to impose wide-ranging sales-tax hikes and cuts in state spend-

ing for pensions that the left-leaning Greek government had long resisted.

It raised hopes that Greece can get the rescue deal that will prevent a catastrophic exit from the euro after key creditors said they were open to discussing how to ease the country's debt load, a long-time sticking point in their talks.

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## IN BRIEF

### Funeral set for girl killed by leaping sturgeon

Funeral plans are set for a five-year-old Florida girl who died after being struck by a sturgeon that leaped into the boat she was riding in with her family.

Jaylon Leighann Rippey died last Friday, hours after the sturgeon jumped into the family's boat. Officials say the girl's mother suffered facial injuries and her

nine-year-old brother suffered a broken wrist.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission says this was the first fatality recorded from a sturgeon strike on the Suwannee River in northern Florida.

The fish are known for leaping more than seven feet above the water. They can grow up to eight feet long and weigh up to 200 pounds.

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### Vet finds underwear inside dog during surgery

A hungry U.S. Labrador has some unusual taste buds.

A Pennsylvania veterinarian retrieved 62 hair bands and eight pairs of underwear from the dog's stomach during exploratory surgery.

The head technician at Good Shepherd's Veterinary Hospital told a local TV station that the black Lab named Tiki wasn't re-

sponding to medicine for vomiting, diarrhea and a loss of appetite. X-rays showed a mass in its stomach.

Last week's surgery lasted two hours, and the vet and his technician were shocked at the items pulled out.

The dog's owner, Sara Weiss, says Tiki once swallowed a plastic foam dart, but that passed through the dog's system naturally.

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# Jesuit-inspired crucifix causes rift

BOLIVIA

## Pres. Morales presents Pope with politically loaded gift

Bolivian President Evo Morales' gift of a "Communist crucifix" to Pope Francis threatened to overshadow the pope's Bolivian visit Thursday, with the Vatican and Bolivia insisting no offence

was intended or taken.

Morales gave Francis the crucifix carved into a hammer and sickle upon Francis' arrival in Bolivia Wednesday, raising eyebrows given Morales' attacks on the church and his socialist bent.

It turns out, the crucifix was originally designed by a Jesuit activist, the Rev. Luis Espinal, who was assassinated in 1980 by suspected paramilitaries during the months that preceded a military coup. Francis, a fellow Jesuit, stopped his motorcade to

pray at the site where Espinal's body had been dumped.

Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Thursday the pope had no idea Espinal had designed the crucifix and was surprised to receive it — a reaction clearly visible in the footage of the encounter. Some reports suggested the pope told Morales, "This isn't good;" one of Francis' friends sent a tweet quoting him as saying such. But Lombardi said it wasn't known what the pope had said.

Lombardi said Espinal had designed the crucifix as a symbol of dialogue and commitment to freedom and progress for Bolivia, not with any ideology in mind.

"You can dispute the significance and use of the symbol now, but the origin is from Espinal and the sense of it was about an open dialogue, not about a specific ideology," Lombardi said.

He noted the context in which Espinal was living: as a priest working for social justice in Bolivia during a period of instability that preceded a right-wing dictatorship known for human rights abuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Pope Francis is presented with a gift of a crucifix carved into a wooden hammer and sickle, the Communist symbol uniting labour and peasants, by Bolivian President Evo Morales in La Paz, Bolivia, Wednesday. L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/POOL PHOTO VIA AP



**BRITAIN A ROYAL CHRISTENING** Prince William and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, marked a milestone for their newborn baby Princess Charlotte on Sunday — a christening ceremony on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate that was steeped in royal tradition. Hundreds of fans outside St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham, a sprawling royal estate near England's eastern coast, cheered as William and Kate arrived with toddler Prince George and nine-week-old Charlotte, who was in a vintage pram.

MARIO TESTINO/KENSINGTON PALACE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Ikea to install electric vehicle charge stations

Ikea Canada aims to be the place to shop for drivers of battery-powered vehicles.

The home furnishings retailer says it is installing charging stations for electric vehicles at all 12 of its stores across Canada.

The company says it is partnering on the project with Sun Country Highway to install two 60-amp charging stations at each location. The rollout is set to be completed by late August, and will be available at no cost to customers on a first-come, first-served basis.

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### It's like you decided to jump off the bandwagon because you saw it was headed for a cliff.

uneducated tune. While I'm glad they've seen the (potentially deadly) light, I'm irritated to no end that it took a measles outbreak to convince them.

As you may know, in 1998, the Lancet published Dr. Andrew Wakefield's iffy study linking the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to autism. As you may not know, but probably should, it was retracted in 2012, two years after Wakefield lost his medical licence.

But the rumour spread, much like the measles, and some people stopped vaccinating their children. Now, a disease that the CDC declared eliminated from the U.S. in 2000 is back with 800 new U.S. cases since January 2014. Imagine the last scene of a horror movie: The camera slowly zooms in on a tombstone that reads "Here lies The Measles, 2000." Then, just as you're about to relax, a pock-

marked arm juts out of the ground! TO BE CONTINUED...

It's thanks to those 800 cases that "34% of parents think vaccines have more benefit than they did one year ago." Wow. There was so much proof that the vaccine worked (i.e., lots of people were dying from the measles, and then after the vaccine was introduced, people stopped getting the measles ... anyway, boring!), and so little evidence it caused autism (if one printed lie is evidence). It just blows my mind that people attach themselves to the less-proven, more dangerous element of the story.

Now they're casually, "Yeah, I heard there was a measles outbreak, I guess I see why vaccines work." Eff you! It's like you decided to jump off the bandwagon because you saw it was headed for a cliff.

By the way, if you're still on the fence, did you know Wakefield did part of the

"study" at his own child's birthday party, where he took blood samples from some of the party guests? ("Let's play pin the needle in your vein!") The study was so full of bunk, it's as if people decided to put the health of their children and thousands of others at risk because of a fairy tale.

It's pretty much as ridiculous to me as a child who learns about Santa Claus and then never wants to let him go. Even after finding out, they're still like, "No. I've seen pictures of him in books. He's on my Coke bottle. He's real." And then they have kids and, even though everyone's like, "There's no Santa, you better buy your kids some presents," they're like, "I don't care what billions of people say. Santa Claus is coming to town." But then on Christmas morning, there are no presents and then it's all, "You know what, there might not be a Santa." Yeah, we *told* you.

The only HUGE difference here is that a lack of Santa isn't going to kill anyone.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

### The bottle collector and the power of a simple 'Thank you'

There was a man asking for change outside the meat shop the other day.

I gave him a few loonies and a bus token.

Later that day, C. — my boyfriend — passed by the same meat shop and the same man. C. didn't have change, but he was on his way to buy a Jamaican patty.

"Do you want one?" he asked.

"No, I'm vegan," the man said, in all seriousness.

"They have spinach ones," C. countered.

"No ..." the man said, "They're kind of gross."

C. — when he told me this story — smiled and shrugged, "I guess beggars can be choosers."

Fast forward to a recent evening. I was on the front porch with a gin and tonic. A man pushed his bike, loaded with bags, along the sidewalk and stopped in front of the house.

"Bottles?" he asked, and headed toward the recycling bins. With my parents in town, it's been a boozy week, so I told him to hold on and I popped inside to grab wine, beer and gin bottles.

Bottle collectors sweep my neighbourhood daily. One told me he works a 12-hour shift through the night. Most are more likely to say hi to me than many of my neighbours. They're more likely to show concern for my welfare, too.

Last year, I was approaching my house at the same time as one man. It was dark, and I didn't have lights on my bike. The man pointed to his own headlamp. "Lights!" he said, and pointed to my bike. He said something like, "Danger!" — and I knew I was being kindly admonished.

This time, empty bottles in my arms, I came back out to the street to the man waiting for me. "Thank you!" he said. "Good one!" he noted as I passed the tall amber beer bottles. "Thank you!" he said again. "Thank you! Thank you!"

He moved on to the next house, and before he passed out of sight, he waved and called, "Thank you!"

I hadn't been thanked that much all week. I thought how little I know about him, and how much I assume.

I don't know where he goes when his shift ends, whether his family is around, or how he got into the bottle-collecting life. But if I was surprised at his pleasantness, I must have assumed he was unhappy.

I don't know where the man by the meat shop came from, what events collided to land him on that sidewalk, or why he went vegan (if he really is). But if I was surprised at his alleged diet, I must have assumed he was desperate.

In both cases, I was wrong. And in both cases, I have no right to judge.

## Happy face/Sad face

From **voyaging viruses** to **frightened foxes**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



### Return of fox hunting has activists howling

Animal-rights activists are braying about the U.K. government's proposal to relax the rules on the controversial sport of fox hunting. David Cameron's Conservative Party wants to allow it in England and Wales, on "appropriate" land and with protection for other animals. MPs are pretty evenly split ahead of Wednesday's vote. Right now, hunters may only flush out and stalk foxes with a maximum of two dogs.



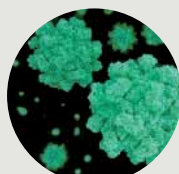
### The Great Canadian beersicle

It brings a whole new meaning to "ice-cold beer." A Fredericton shop has made the ultimate summer refresher: beer freezies. The Dooryard Shandy Sorbet Freezie is made with a local wheat ale, lemon and lime juice and honey sorbet. Most of the alcohol is burned off in the cooking process, so "You're not going to get drunk off them — fortunately," says creator Levi Lawrence. SOURCE: CBC



### Stowaway sickness strikes globe

A once-rare strain of the stomach-flu germ norovirus that broke out in China this winter seems to be hitching a ride around the globe. The virus, called GII.17, has turned up recently in Japan, Taiwan, Korea and Kenya. It's contagious but not usually life-threatening, though a global pandemic could easily infect hundreds of thousands. Drug company Takeda is working on a vaccine — a notoriously finicky task in science. SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



### Listen up for good news about hearing

Despite research, there's still little medical treatment (only surgery) available for genetic deafness. That may be about to change. Researchers in the journal Science Translation Medicine have hit upon a possible gene therapy. They used genetically deaf mice in an experiment, and with some biochemical wizardry, were able to stimulate production of a protein that doesn't work in some deaf people. Then when they surprised the unsuspecting rodents with loud noises, the mice jumped — indicating the treatment worked. SOURCE: THE GOOD NEWS NETWORK

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# The dramatic approach

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**Richard Crouse**



Asif Kapadia's documentary *Amy* features never-before-seen footage and more than 100 interviews with people from singer Amy Winehouse's personal and professional life. It is a heart-breaking up-close-and-personal look at a woman who, as Tony Bennett says in the movie, didn't live long enough to learn how to live.

Kapadia may be best known as the filmmaker behind the BAFTA-winning documentary *Senna*, but says, "It's funny, but I am really a drama guy."

His docs are structured like feature films. *Amy*, for instance, plays on a few levels, featuring several dramatic arcs. It's a cautionary tale of the effects of international stardom. It's a portrait of drug addiction, exploitation and a woman who looked to men for protection, and chose badly. It's the story of *Amy*, a fiercely talented person who laid her heart bare in her art only to have what should have been her saviour, her music, ultimately be her undoing.

When I asked Kapadia if he looked at other music docs before beginning work on *Amy* he



**Amy Winehouse movie *Amy* is a documentary structured like a feature film. Critic Richard Crouse looks back at other films about music that give the viewer a look into the personal and creative lives of the subjects.** ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

said, "I don't have references I look to. I just kind of make it up as I'm going along. For example, in the sequence with the paparazzi, I'm thinking of *Raging Bull*, with flashguns going off. I'm not thinking of a doc where you have someone's life and then they pick up a guitar and sing."

Here's a list of other music bios — some docs, some features

— that take a dramatic approach and give a complete look at the personal and creative lives of their subjects:

**Anvil! The Story of Anvil**

It would be easy to call *Anvil* a real-life *Spinal Tap*.

The story of the heaviest heavy metal band you've never heard of bears a strong resemblance to



the legendary fictional band, but it is so much more than that. It is a story of passion, of trying to beat the odds, of friendship, of hope against hope. It's also quite funny and the music will peel the paint off your home theatre walls.

**I'm Not There**

It's an elliptical and metaphoric

retelling of Bob Dylan's life, but none of the characters in it are called Bob Dylan. Most of them don't look like Dylan, and the one who most looks like Dylan is a woman, played by Cate Blanchett.

Yet I felt I knew more about what makes Bob Dylan tick when I left the theatre than I did about Johnny Cash following *Walk the*

**MOVIE RATINGS**  
by Richard Crouse

**Amy** ★★★★★  
**Big Game** ★★★★★  
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Line or Ray Charles after Ray.

**Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap**

A vibrant look at the art of hip hop, the first documentary from Ice-T profiles the passion of the grandmasters of rap: Afrika Bambaataa, Treach Criss, Doug E. Fresh, KRS-One, Dr. Dre and more.

Worth it to hear Snoop Dogg's (now Snoop Lion) songwriting methodology: "I need to smoke a lot of weed, and have a couple girls there because I like looking at them."

**Get on Up**

James Brown was known as many things — The Godfather of Soul, Soul Brother No. 1, Mr. Dynamite and The Hardest Working Man in Show Business — but he preferred to be called Mr. Brown. His rise from poverty to the top of the R&B charts is brought to life in a knockout performance from Chadwick Boseman, who plays Brown from age 16 to 60.



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**BATKID**

**'Good Canadian boy' was thrilled to help make dream come true**



**Miles Scott, above, was Batman for a day. Mike Jutan, below, played The Penguin.** WARNER BROS./GETTY IMAGES

Chances are you saw the footage on the news.

On Nov. 15, 2013, San Francisco transformed into Gotham-By-the-Bay as Batkid, accompanied by Batman, rescued a damsel in distress, threw the Riddler in jail and saved Lou Seal, the Mascot of the San Francisco Giants, from the grips of criminal mastermind The Penguin.

It was Make-A-Wish's largest ever event, a city-wide happening to grant five-year-old cancer survivor Miles Scott's request to be a superhero for a day.

The Batkid — who was still in diapers when he was diagnosed with leukemia — drew crowds in the tens of thousands, earned a Twitter message from U.S. President Barack Obama and was given the key to the city by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee.

London, Ont.-born software engineer Mike Jutan was given a front-row seat to the action when his friend, inventor and acrobat Eric Johnson, asked him to play Gotham's greatest villain The Penguin.

"As a good Canadian boy, I like peppering community service stuff in amongst the many things I already do," says Jutan, who now lives in San Fran and works for Industrial Light and Magic.

A new documentary, *Batkid Begins*, details how the event bloomed from a small experience into a heartwarming media sensation. RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO LIFE



# Karma for sale

**Ryan Reynolds plays the reincarnated version of an outrageously wealthy, greedy man in *Self/less*.** ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

**Q&A**

## Ryan Reynolds talks hubris, junkets and franchises

**Matt Prigge**  
Metro in New York City

Ryan Reynolds just got back from five weeks in Bangkok, and right away he has to do a junket, solo, for his new film, the sci-fi thriller *Self/less*.

And yet despite jet lag he remains in good spirits, even if junkets aren't at all times an ideal form of communication, and even if the film he's talking about can get heavy. In it, he plays the reincarnated version of a wealthy greed monster, played by Ben Kingsley, who's so rich he's able to play a shady company

to transfer his consciousness from his dying body to a new one, namely one played by Ryan Reynolds.

**This is a film that really digs into anxieties over mortality and the dissolution of the self. Were those the ideas that most grabbed you?**

Not really. It was the idea of hubris and arrogance and the class system, and all these things that propel a person to say, "Oh, I cocked up the first life. Let me just buy another one."

It's just so vile to think like that. I like seeing characters fall from grace, and I like seeing characters accept or deal with consequences.

Damian actually becomes someone who doesn't know what to do with his wealth.

There's this quest for thrills that is ever-growing. I know one guy who just does some of the most insane s—

you can imagine. Maybe it's because he's experienced so much already. He's bought everything he's wanted. He's always owned the fastest cars, the coolest planes. After a while it becomes a law of diminishing returns. There's a lack of well-being with these people. Not all of them, just particular ones.

**Not every rich person is terrible and bored.**

Not at all! I know wealthy people who are truly wonderful. And people like Bill Gates — those guys are going to die and leave 20, 30 billion dollars to charity. That's spectacular, if you ask me.

**This isn't as ostentatiously visual as the other films by Tarsem Singh, like *The Fall* and *Immortals*, but he's still a director known for his visuals. How do you deal with filmmakers like that?**

It's nerve-racking, because you think going into it, are they going to be able to talk to actors? Are they going to (know) what the scene is about apart from it just looking cool? But he's the opposite for me. I found him really attentive to each scene.

A movie is only as good as its director, and the sort of unfortunate truth is in this industry, it's a director's medium. The director is God on a film set. We can only succeed as far as he's willing to take us.

***Self/less* seems rare, not only in that it's a character-driven, ideas-driven sci-fi movie, but also that it's a one-off, not a franchise movie. I can't imagine there being a *Self/less 2*.**

Oh God, no! But that's great, isn't it? It's refreshing that there are some films like that still. It's scary, because everything's a franchise now. It does kill off the one-off movies — the small films by Screen Gems or Focus

Features. It's getting harder and harder to finance those movies. I'm worried for the future, in the sense that one day, 12 months a year it's just going to be franchise films. Even at awards season it will be franchise movies that will collect all the gold. It's a rare breed these days to have a one-off.

**You still occasionally get to do something small, like your forthcoming gambling drama *Mississippi Grind*.** I always try to do those. I love those. *Buried* was one of those. *The Voices* was one of those — the smaller ones that sometimes just play at festival circuits. But to me they're everything. I love, love doing them.



***Self/less* is that rarest of birds: A character-driven sci-fi flick.**



**I know a couple people who are at that level of obscene wealth. There's something perverse about their lives, especially when they're young.**

Ryan Reynolds, on certain rich people

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## THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN



## A visit to Calgary is like exploring a Canadian province and five American states all in one trip

Alberta is all about enjoying contrasts in everything from landscapes to food. At right, a course at the River Café and funnel cake.

ALL PHOTOS BY JESSICA ALLEN



I just got back from my first trip to Calgary, where I was filming at the Stampede for my day job. I saw real-life cowboys. I even saw hail — in July! But mostly I saw Calgary as a city of contrasts.

Take the political scene: The 44-year-long PC reign ended back in May when the NDP won the provincial election, not to mention that for the last five years, the young, charismatic, liberal-minded Naheed Nenshi has been mayor. Yet everyone with whom I spoke had something to say about their new bike lanes: mostly that they hated them.

And the Stampede itself — a 10-day-long annual event that's defined the city for nearly 100

years — is a study in contrasts: Cuffs and collars can come courtesy of iconic Lammle's Western Wear or the celebrity-dressing fashion designer Paul Hardy. Entertainment can be found at the Cowboy Casino, where bartenders make Hooters' servers look modest, or at any number of champagne-flowing private events hosted by Big Oil's top brass. And, depending to whom you speak, the Stampede is either a celebration of majestic animals or an abuse of them.

And then there's the food: Sample classic corn dogs, funnel cakes, turkey legs on the Stampede fairgrounds. (Pizza topped with cockroaches almost made it on to the menu). Or visit any number of eateries, like the River Café, Model Milk and Charcut, which consistently rank on the country's best restaurants lists, for innovative comestibles on another level.

I did both styles, eating a lob-

ster corn dog, mac and cheese topped with pulled pork and funnel cake one day and devouring four memorable courses at the River Café the next.

Alberta's optics can be confusing — even more so when you consider that the vast province has been the landscape doppelgänger for Montana, Texas, Wyoming and Colorado. Although older films, like *River of No Return* (1954), *Little Big*

*Man* (1970) and *Days of Heaven* (1979) — maybe one of the most beautifully photographed films ever — filmed scenes there, it was Clint Eastwood's Academy Award-winning 1992 film *Unforgiven* that put the province on the map, so to speak.

Legends of the Fall and *Brokeback Mountain* followed. And Christopher Nolan seems to have a special penchant for it: He shot scenes for both *Inception* and *Interstellar* in Alberta.

Most recently, the province doubled as South Dakota when Oscar-winning director Alejandro González Iñárritu hauled Tom Hardy and Leonardo DiCaprio on what's become a notoriously difficult shoot to film scenes for *The Revenant*, which will be widely released next year.

I was only there three days. But I'm going back, not only because I saw just the silhouette of the Rockies from car windows, but also because the people are warm and wonderful and it'll be like exploring a Canadian province and five American states all in one trip. And also, I suppose, because opposites attract.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

## DOUGHNUT-LICKING VIDEO

## Grande fallout

Police said Wednesday they were investigating video that appears to show Ariana Grande licking doughnuts at a shop in Southern California. Earlier, Grande apologized for saying "I hate America" in the same video.

Police in Lake Elsinore, where the doughnut shop is located, said they and Riverside County public health officials were investigating the leaked video, which appeared to show the 22-year-old singer and a man with her "maliciously lick" the doughnuts.

Mayra Solis, 22, a cashier at Wolfie Donuts, said the singer didn't purchase any of the doughnuts she licked. "She was really rude," Solis told *The Associated Press*.

A spokeswoman for the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health said the agency was investigating why the doughnuts were left out unprotected and exposed to the public, in violation of state food laws. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Way more than iPhoning it in



Mickey O'Hagan and Kitana Kiki Rodriguez in *Tangerine*. CONTRIBUTED

## GROUNDBREAKING

### Tangerine's smartphone move perfect for gritty film

Steve Gow  
For Metro

After two TV shows, five films and 15 years in showbiz, Sean Baker has finally found success shooting a movie on his iPhone.

"I wish I could say it was born out of the story and an esthetic approach — I would've been impressed with myself," laughed the New York-based filmmaker recently. "But it actually all stems from a budgetary constraint — we just didn't have the money. I'm on my fifth film, I couldn't pull favours anymore."

As such, Baker (perhaps best-known as one of the creators of TV's *Greg The Bunny*) set out to make *Tangerine* — a movie shot entirely on smartphones and the very first to premiere

at the Sundance Film Festival.

"Some mainstream films have been using tiny HD cameras — they just haven't made a big deal of it," said Baker, insisting many movies have adopted non-conventional footage that's enhanced in post-production.

Baker knew the true challenge with engaging audiences was overturning the preconceptions that come with openly admitting your film was entirely shot on iPhones. "Hopefully the reviews that also focus on how good my actors (are) override it," said Baker.

Early reviews have undoubtedly quelled the director's concern.

The gritty comic-drama about a pair of transgender prostitutes trying to hunt down a cheating

boyfriend has been lauded for its groundbreaking performances and cinematic texture — factors that Baker admits he hadn't realized until he began filming on mobile devices.

"All the benefits revealed themselves to us as we were shooting," said Baker. "Like the fact that we could shoot more clandestine (and) we wouldn't be intimidating first-time actors with a device that doesn't look like a camera.... Lots of things after the fact made it seem like the obvious choice all along."

Baker may have stumbled into his greatest success through the modesty of a micro-budget, but if *Tangerine* attracts an audience the way it has won over many film critics, his innovative production may yet become the next big trend in Tinseltown.

"Hollywood's already doing elevated found-footage-type movies," reasoned Baker, pointing to the fad that's fathered films like *Paranormal Activity* and *Project Almanac*.

"I think Hollywood is always looking for whatever is hot (so) why not? If they see an opportunity in it, they'll take it."



**I never thought that our little film would actually be received so well.**

Director Sean Baker

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**Directors:** Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda  
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## HORROR

### The Gallows

**Directors:** Travis Cluff, Chris Lofing  
**Starring:** Cassidy Gifford, Pfeifer Brown

Twenty years after a deadly freak accident at a high school play, a misguided attempt to restage the play and mark the tragedy proves that some things are better left in the past.

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## DOCUMENTARY

### That Sugar Film

**Director:** Damon Gameau  
**Starring:** Damon Gameau, Stephen Fry

Gameau embarks on an experiment to document the effects of a high-sugar diet on a healthy body, consuming only foods that are commonly perceived as "healthy."

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**Critics:** **61%** **Audience:** **+72%**



## MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

### Strangerland

**Director:** Kim Farrant  
**Starring:** Nicole Kidman, Joseph Fiennes

New to the remote Australian desert town of Nathgari, the Parker family is thrown into crisis when Catherine and Matthew discover that their two teenage kids have mysteriously disappeared just before a massive dust storm.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** **37%** **Audience:** **+77%**



## DRAMA & COMEDY

### Tangerine

**Director:** Sean Baker  
**Starring:** Kitana Kiki Rodriguez, Mya Taylor

A working girl tears through Tinseltown on Christmas Eve searching for the pimp who broke her heart.

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## COMEDY

### My Ex-Ex

**Director:** Nathaniel Warsh  
**Starring:** André Bharti, Katherine Barrell

Mary gets dumped. To cheer her up, her friends take her to see a psychic who casts a spell to reconnect her with her ex-boyfriend. The only problem is ... Mary didn't say which one.

#### ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

**Critics:** No reviews yet **Audience:** No score yet



## COMEDY

### What We Did On Our Holiday

**Directors:** Andy Hamilton, Guy Jenkin  
**Starring:** Rosamund Pike, David Tennant

Doug and Abi are in the midst of a difficult divorce, and have asked the kids to keep it a secret from their extended family.

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Onni Tommila and Samuel L. Jackson in the Finnish-made film *Big Game*. CONTRIBUTED

# POTUS with a Big problem

## BIG GAME

**Finn's actioner an homage to the '80s films of his youth**



**Richard Crouse**  
MetroLife

When Finnish director Jalmari Helander saw his new film *Big Game* at the Toronto International Film Festival's Midnight Madness, he was reduced to tears.

"It was one of the nicest moments of my life," he says on the line from Helsinki. "It was a really big theatre with a lot of people and they were giving it applause in the middle and shouting and really loving the film. I was crying in my seat with pure happiness. It was really amazing."

"If you think about rock stars, they play for an audience and get feedback at all times. But for a moviemaker it's really, really rare you can see the reaction of the audience."

The movie is an '80s style POTUS-with-a-problem action flick starring Samuel L. Jackson as the U.S. president stranded



**Big Game director Jalmari Helander** CONTRIBUTED

by terrorists in the wilds of Finland. He's kept alive by Oskari (Onni Tommila), a teen who demonstrates his bravery by keeping the president alive despite great odds.

*Big Game* is an homage to the kinds of movies Helander grew up watching, "the old Indiana Jones films or Spielberg." The kind of films, he says, that "stretch the limits of what's believable and what's not."

Being a director, he adds, also gives him the chance to impart the euphoric feeling he felt the first time he saw *Escape*

from New York or *Die Hard*.

"That's the reason I want to make movies, to try and give the same feeling to someone else."

*Big Game*'s star is Jackson, but the movie's beating heart is Helander's nephew and favourite actor Onni Tommila, who was just 13 when he shot the film.

The role is very physical, but Onni says the one stunt he was allowed to do was cut from the film and "when I am shooting with the bow that was done in a green screen. It wasn't that cool."

What was cool was working with his co-star. Just not the one you might expect. "At first I was nervous in front of Samuel L. Jackson, but in the end I think I was more nervous in front of my father." His dad co-stars as a villager and they share several scenes together. "I want him to feel like... I can't explain it. In some ways working with my father is harder, but in another way it is easier."



**Rock stars, they play for an audience and get feedback at all times. But for a moviemaker it's really, really rare you can see the reaction of the audience.**

Jalmari Helander on TIFF response to *Big Game*

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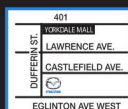


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### 1 The Homestead, 280 Main St.

This yellow mansion, built by Dickinson's grandfather, was the poet's home for most of her life. She was born and died there. Now it is one half of the Emily Dickinson Museum. Visitors can enjoy a tour and stand in the light-filled bedroom where Dickinson wrote and lowered baskets of gingerbread from her window to children below. The museum has a wonderful shop for all things Emily — dolls, books, T-shirts, notecards, posters and fridge magnets.



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### 2 The Evergreens, Main Street

This Italianate villa lies across the garden from The Homestead and is the other half of the Emily Dickinson Museum. This was the home of Dickinson's brother Austin and his wife Susan, who was Emily's dearest friend. This is a house of atmosphere — it retains its Victorian décor and much of Austin and Sue's paintings and furniture.



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### 3 Jones Library, 43 Amity St.

The library's Emily Dickinson Room houses a large collection of Dickinson-related items, including an eclectic exhibition of Emily-related memorabilia. You can see, among many things, her original calling card, first editions of her posthumously published poetry collections, and a set of cameo buttons that belonged to the poet.



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### 4 West Cemetery, Triangle Street

The graveyard where Dickinson is buried is a tree-filled oasis off North Pleasant Street. Here you can see the Amherst History Mural with Dickinson at its heart. Here, too, is the Dickinson family plot, framed by a black wrought-iron fence, where Emily rests with her parents and sister. Brother Austin is buried at Wildwood Cemetery. Fans leave mementoes on and beside Emily's grave, including toys, flowers and handwritten notes.



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### 5 Amherst History Museum, 67 Amity St.

Many people are familiar with Dickinson's white dress and this lovely museum has it on display in a glass case. The dress, known as a wrapper or house dress, is made of dimity, has handy pockets and a row of mother-of-pearl buttons. (The Emily Dickinson Museum displays a replica of the same dress.)

**Nuala O'Connor is the author of historical fiction novel *Miss Emily*, to be published on Tuesday.**

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# Manchester shows its heart

ENGLAND

## City protects historic sites amid modern shops, eateries

**Kathy Buckworth**  
For Metro

"It's really hard to get lost in Manchester," our walking tour guide Jean advised us as we walked this most walkable city. "And you can always find a pub to sit down at and have a pint if you get tired."

In a nutshell, it describes this reinvigorated, yet historic city. Nicknamed "The Original Modern City," Manchester strives to protect its past — incorporating the many cotton mills which were the main source of industry in the city for many years, into its current cityscape — while transforming itself into a city of culture, cuisine and sport.

The best examples of this are the two English Premier League football (soccer) teams,



The Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester, England. KATHY BUCKWORTH FOR METRO PHOTOS

Manchester United and Manchester City. Extreme rivals, their stadiums are housed at opposite ends of the city. The sport comes together at the Football Museum.

The downtown core houses a population of only about 50,000 (versus the greater Manchester area, which is closer to 2 million) as there weren't traditionally residences located in what used to be a fairly derelict area until the mid-'90s.

Now, buildings have been

renovated to attract a younger demographic of students and newly employed graduates.

The city is booming with restaurants, boutiques, and a vast array of vintage clothing shops. The most well-known is Afflecks, which has vintage and gothic clothing, jewelry, piercings and tattoo offerings spread over five eclectic floors.

The arts scene is thriving, as well, with museums and galleries offered free to the public, including the renowned

Whitworth Art Gallery.

The food scene in Manchester has exploded beyond the traditional pub, from The Curry Mile, to the Alice in Wonderland-themed Richmond Tea Rooms, and to the authentic tastes of Malaysia at the fabulous Ning Restaurant.

Historic sites are protected and adapted across the city; most notably the Printworks Building, once home to the Daily Mirror, which relocated to London. This cavernous



University of Manchester.

building's facade is still intact, with an indoor dining and movie complex built as a faux outside street.

One "historic" site which will not be preserved is the original studio site for Coronation Street, the world's longest running television program.

Filming moved to the new Media City in 2013, and after offering set tours for a short time, the site will be demolished in 2016 to make room for hotels, theatres, and apartments.

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## Jays can't swim with Shark

MLB

### Samardzija outduels Dickey with 4-hit shutout

Before Thursday's series finale against the White Sox, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons was asked for his thoughts on Chicago's starting pitcher Jeff Samardzija, whom the Jays have reportedly pursued as a trade target.

"We'd love to have him," Gibbons said unabashedly, perhaps hoping his general manager could somehow pull off a trade for the six-foot-five Indiana native in the hours before first pitch.

Unfortunately for Gibbons, the game opened with Samardzija on the opposing mound and he went out and dominated the Jays, throwing a complete-game shutout while holding Toronto's league-leading offence to just four hits to lead the White Sox to a 2-0 victory.

"There's a reason he's one of the most sought-after guys out there," Gibbons said after it was over.

The loss is the Jays' eighth in their past 11 games.

The lack of offence overshadowed what was an encouraging start for R.A. Dickey, who went toe-to-toe with Samardzija in the early going and held the White Sox scoreless until the sixth. That's when Adam Eaton tripled and scored on a passed ball that knuckled by Russell Martin's outstretched glove, bouncing to the backstop. The catcher's gaffe mattered little, as



White Sox pitcher Jeff Samardzija reacts to throwing a complete-game shutout over the Blue Jays in Chicago on Thursday.

JEFF HAYNES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### THURSDAY In Chicago



two batters later former Blue Jay Melky Cabrera lined his fourth homer of the season over the right-field wall.

It was all the offence Samardzija would need.

The loss aside, Dickey felt good about his outing on a personal level.

"If anything I'm going to take today as a really good sign for the rest of the year," he said. "My arm felt really good and I'm looking to spring board into the second half."

The 40-year-old knuckleballer concludes his first half with a middling 4.87 ERA, but has pitched to a more-respectable 3.73 mark since the beginning

### + BACK AT EVEN

The Blue Jays (44-44) fell to .500 for the first time since June 9 when they were 30-30.

of June. He gave himself a C-minus when asked to assess his first half.

"I feel like there's a lot of improvement I can make over

the next 15 or 16 starts or however many I have left. But I'm definitely capable of what you saw today consistently and that's what I'm going to go for."

Samardzija, meanwhile, no-hit the Jays into the sixth inning before Ryan Goins and Devon Travis notched back-to-back singles. They were stranded at the corners and that was the extent of the damage the Jays did to the man nicknamed "Shark."

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### MLB IN BRIEF

#### Ventura helps Royals cap four-game sweep of Rays

Lorenzo Cain and Salvador Perez hit two-run homers, Yordano Ventura went five innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-3 on Thursday to finish off a four-game sweep.

Ventura (4-6) allowed three runs and four hits and three walks, striking out four. It was his first start since June 12, when an elbow condition began causing numbness in his hand.

The Royals scored at least seven runs in every game of their first four-game sweep since September 2008, against Seattle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Tanaka pitches Yanks past A's, Gardner named all-star

Masahiro Tanaka allowed two hits over 7-2/3 innings, Brett Gardner hit a first-inning home run and learned midgame he had been picked for his first all-star team, and the New York Yankees rallied past the Oakland Athletics 6-2 Thursday.

Tanaka (5-3) ended a four-start winless streak, the longest drought of his 1-1/2-year major league career. He set season highs for innings and pitches (114), striking out six and walking one. One of the runs off him was unearned.

Gardner had his seventh three-hit game this season.

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Serena Williams can win her fourth consecutive major title with a victory on Saturday. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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## Serena easily dispatches Sharapova

Her game in high gear, history in the offing, Serena Williams is perfectly content to let everyone else talk about what a victory in the Wimbledon final would mean.

A "Serena Slam" of four consecutive major titles. The third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam. A 21st major singles trophy, one short of the Open-era record.

For now, the No. 1-seeded Williams is keeping her thoughts to herself, declaring she won't entertain questions about those topics, even after easily dismiss-

ing No. 4 Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals at the All England Club on Thursday to close in on the milestones.

"I don't want the pressure of that, and I'm not thinking of that. When you talk about it every time, you can't help but think about it," Williams said. "It's been OK just to free my brain from that."

Whatever works. Clearly, Williams is doing plenty right at the

moment. Particularly against Sharapova, whom she's beaten 17 times in a row.

Williams hit 13 aces, reaching 123 m.p.h. Fewer than half her serves were put in play. She never faced a break point, and was pushed to deuce just once on her serve.

In sum, Williams made Sharapova look like some sort of middle-of-the-pack wannabe, rather than the five-time ma-



The number of winners Williams had against Sharapova, who managed just nine.

jor champion, career Grand Slam owner and former No. 1 that she is.

"Nothing to do with Sharapova," said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "She does this to most of the top 10 players. It's true. She's dominating the game for a long time."

On Saturday, with so much at stake, Williams will face No. 20 Garbine Muguruza of Spain, who advanced to her first Grand Slam final by eliminating No. 13 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Family vibe scores props

## RAPTORS

### New signees Carroll, Joseph unveiled

The Toronto Raptors introduced two new members of the family Thursday with a third on the way.

Forward Demarre Carroll and Canadian guard Cory Joseph were introduced as Toronto's newest free-agent signings, with forward Luis Scola expected to join them shortly. Carroll and Joseph both pointed to the importance of family and home in the Raptors' sales pitch.

"They included my family. Whenever you include someone's family, that's real," said Carroll. "I didn't only have the



New Raptors point guard Cory Joseph poses during an introductory press conference at Air Canada Centre on Thursday.

DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

negotiations with myself, but also with my family. I felt like that was a big part of it. Beyond this basketball, at the end of

the day, all you have is family.

"I feel like they took me in as their family and I'm happy to be a part of the Toronto

Raptors family."

Joseph, 23, of Pickering, grew up a Raptors fan and couldn't hide his excitement about playing for his hometown team.

"I can't wait to put my jersey on," said Joseph, who is expected to back up all-star point guard Kyle Lowry. "I've thought it over in my head and I still don't know how I'm going to feel when I put my jersey on and go out to play that first game for the Toronto Raptors.

"It's still kind of surreal to me, so I still need to let it settle in a little bit."

Both players also pointed to Toronto's fervent fan base as a selling point.

"I think they have they have the best fans in the NBA and I'm not just saying that," said Carroll. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CAVALIERS

### LeBron works out new contract

Just shy of the one-year anniversary of his celebrated homecoming, LeBron James told the Cavaliers he's staying put.

James agreed to terms of a one-year, \$23-million contract for next season, two people familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press on Thursday. The deal includes a player option for 2016-17, said the persons who spoke on condition of anonymity because James has not yet signed the contract.

That will be done soon as the four-time MVP has a busy schedule over the next few weeks to promote a new comedy movie in which he portrays himself.

While his agreement with the Cavs is not a surprise, it

## + LOVE'S DEAL

Kevin Love, who announced last week that he will stay in Cleveland, will reportedly get a five-year, \$113.2-million contract. His salary for next season will be \$19.69 million.

does give him future flexibility and the ability to make more money next summer when the league's new TV deal kicks in. The \$24-billion package is expected to increase the salary cap by millions.

James led the Cavs to the NBA Finals last season, losing to the Golden State Warriors in six games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Rugby sevens looking to spark Canadian passion



Rugby sevens captain Jen Kish and the Canadian women's team open up the Pan Am Games tournament against Colombia on Saturday in Toronto. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## PAN AM GAMES

### Women's team hope to follow in footsteps of soccer success

Canadian rugby captain Jen Kish, as most athletes in Toronto do, wants to leave the Pan Am Games with a gold medal around her neck. But her entire rugby sevens team also wants to win something far less tangible while they're in Toronto: The support of a nation.

That's what the women's soccer team won at the London Olympics, along with its bronze medal, and, as a consequence, played to packed crowds on home soil at the Women's World Cup.

"To see how the women's soccer team has bloomed from medalling in the last Olympics, it's amazing and we're very envious of that. We always say to each other, 'That's going to be us one day,'" Kish said.

"As rugby continues to build in Canada and people start to learn rugby and get excited about it come Rio, where we have a good potential of medalling, I think the same thing will happen."

This is the debut of women's

**“These girls have lots of swagger and it's justified.”**

Canada rugby sevens head coach John Tait

rugby in any multi-sport Games and, for many Canadians, the first taste of what they could see during the 2016 Rio Olympic tournament. Canada's women have already qualified to play there.

But the very thing that made the sevens game so appealing to the International Olympic Committee — the speed of the game and its short tournaments — doesn't give players much time to develop new fans.

In the Women's World Cup, the Canadians played five soccer matches over three weeks. This weekend at the Pan Am Games, Canada's rugby players will hit the pitch for that many matches in just two days. Then, if all goes well, their sixth match will be Sunday night for the gold medal.

The men's two-day sevens tournament runs alongside the women's matches at Exhibition Stadium.

"It's bang for your buck," Kish said of their speedy and action-packed tournament days.

"If you have a short attention span, it's a great sport for you."

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## + SCARBOROUGH

**Rio spots on the line in synchronized swimming**  
Jacqueline Simoneau and Karine Thomas are a step closer to the Rio Olympics.

The Canadian duet synchronized swimming team finished first in the 12-team technical routine portion of their Pan Am Games event at the Scarborough aquatics centre on Thursday.

If they hold that lead — and they went into the event favoured — they will claim the lone Olympic berth on the line.

The free routine final is Saturday morning.

Simoneau and Thomas posted a score of 88.0881, ahead of the second-place Mexican team of Karem Achach and Nuria Diosdado, who scored 84.4133. Mariya Koroleva and Alison Williams of the United States were third in the technical routine.

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Jacqueline Simoneau and Karine Thomas perform the technical routine Thursday in eastern Toronto, one that earned them first place.

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# Harbourfront hosts party on the water

The best part of summer is getting outside and meeting your neighbours. What better way to do that than at a good old block party? This weekend (July 10 – 12), Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West, will be celebrating global music, dance art and cultural traditions from around the world. Enjoy incredible food and discover different genres of music and dance — it's the perfect way to soak up the summer. This weekend, you won't want to miss:

**DJ Deep Fried Fridays**, where music and food collide in a globetrotting journey. Hit up the dance floor with the Invisible City DJs while the chefs from Santo Pecado fry up some duck confit gorditas for \$2 each.

Known for his collaboration with K'Naan, Somali-American musician Raykak Hassan is a singer-songwriter on the verge of making it big on his own.

**Artist Maurice Louca** fuses chaabi (Egyptian wedding music) with contemporary electro, resulting in the unique sound of electro-chaabi. (You can also catch a screening of the film *Electro Chaabi* on Saturday in the Studio Theatre, followed by a Q&A with Maurice.)



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**Family-friendly Guinean Groove Dance Session:** Bring the kids along when you join dancer Mabinty Sylla's workshop on West African dance. Two live percussionists will keep the beat — all ages and skill levels welcome.

**The Mad-Hatter Tea Party** invites kids on an adventure with characters from Alice in Wonderland. There will be many opportunities throughout the weekend to make crafts for the party. **The Soundclash Music Award** is one of

Canada's largest contemporary music prizes, and the winner is up to you: Listen to the finalists compete from across the city and cast your vote! Performers include folk-pop musician L Con, 17-year-old rapper Clairmont The Second, South African-born songwriter Ronley Teper's Lipliners and electronic pop artists Digits.

**Party Like a Local** seeks inspiration from some of the most happening block parties around the world: Filipino Urban Tribe, Carnival with Samba Elégua, Caribbean Blocko and Egyptian Zaffeh.

Hawaiian singer-songwriter and Kickstarter darling **Kawehi** is a one-woman band with a guitar, a ukulele and a looping station.

# Findlay on mission

## TRIATHLON

### Decorated Canadian back to put Olympic woe behind her

Paula Findlay is the most decorated Canadian triathlete racing at the Pan Am Games this weekend, and she might be the most motivated.

Three years ago she rode into the London Olympics on a wave of expectation created by six wins on the world cup circuit between 2010 and 2012, but she struggled to a last-place finish in the Olympic race. A year out from the Rio games she's no longer dwelling on the loss in London, but she hasn't forgotten the lessons learned there.

"Coming to another major games like this is kind of another step to get over that experience," Findlay said. "I have learned a lot more about myself, and become a more mature athlete."

Saturday morning she'll lead a team of three Canadians in the Pan Am triathlon contested over



Triathlete Paula Findlay in action THE CANADIAN PRESS

a spectator-friendly waterfront course comprising a 1,500-metre swim, a 40-km bike ride and a 10-km run. The men race Sunday morning.

Each discipline presents a unique challenge, as is blending them all to craft the perfect race. Before taking the course, a member of Canada's men's team Andrew Yorke and Findlay talked about all three elements of their event.

## THE SWIM

It's not like swimming in the

pool. It's way more dangerous.

**Findlay:** There are currents and there's waves and there's body contact.

**Yorke:** Maybe you're 10-15 seconds down and you look over your shoulder and see a wave coming in. If I catch it I'm going to slingshot right past that group in front of me even though I've allowed myself to swim a little slower. But being a good pool swimmer has a lot of advantages (too).

## THE BIKE RIDE

**Yorke:** You want the bike to take the least amount of energy out of you, so that when you get to the 10k run you can hammer it. You want to start the run on the freshest legs possible.

## THE RUN

If you've had a strong bike ride you might be tempted to open the throttle early in the run. Please, if you want to win, keep the throttle closed.

**Findlay:** The first few kilometres set it up. People take off quickly, then it settles down. But the run is ultimately what's going to win you the race. Just playing smart and not getting carried away by people that are taking off too quickly.

**Yorke:** You might feel good, but it's good relative for us after doing 90 minutes of activity. You want to be able to build through the run. Let's hold this back a little then apply pressure as I go through. I've already got 90 minutes of fatigue in me and if I don't run smooth, I'm going to pay for it.

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## PAN AM

### Americans boast plenty Olympians

The U.S. Olympic Committee has announced a 623-member team for the Pan American Games.

That number will be trimmed slightly, however. The preliminary 24-player men's basketball team will be reduced to 12 by July 15. And one male and one female replacement athlete are expected to be named in the coming days for track and field to complete the team.

The U.S. team, which has finished first in total Pan Am medals in all but one appearance, is smaller than Canada's 720-member squad.

"Every four years the Pan American Games afford U.S. athletes the rare opportunity to represent their country in a multi-sport setting outside the Olympic Games," USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said in a statement Monday.

"Some of the most decorated U.S. athletes in their sports will be competing alongside athletes representing the United States for the first time, and I'm confident this group will make our nation proud. The



American swimmer Natalie Coughlin, a winner of 12 Olympic medals, will compete in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Pan Am Games are especially important for the 10 sports that have direct Olympic qualification on the line, and we are excited to support all our athletes in every way possible."

The U.S. Pan Am squad features 111 Olympians, including 38 Olympic medallists and 20 Olympic champions.

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## RECIPE Chicken in Wild Mushroom Sauce



### EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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#### Ready in

Prep time: 10

Cook time: 16

#### Serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 4 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 lb boneless chicken breast, pounded
- 4 tsp vegetable oil, divided
- 3 cups sliced oyster mushrooms (approx. 8 oz)
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 2/3 cup chicken stock
- 2/3 cup 2% evaporated milk
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley

#### Directions

1. Combine flour, cheese, salt

and pepper on plate. Coat chicken on both sides.

**2.** In a large skillet, add 2 tsp oil and sauté chicken for four minutes, turning once. Remove and set aside. Add remaining 2 tsp oil and sauté mushrooms for five minutes just until cooked and no moisture is left. Add garlic and sauté one minute.

**3.** Add wine to mushrooms and sauté for one minute or until almost evaporated.

**4.** In a bowl, combine stock, milk, mustard and flour until combined. Add to skillet with mushrooms, add chicken, cover and simmer on lowest heat for five minutes, turning once or until sauce is slightly thickened. Do not cook on higher heat or milk will curdle. Garnish with parsley.

#### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 370
- Protein 43.5 g
- Total fat 11.4 g

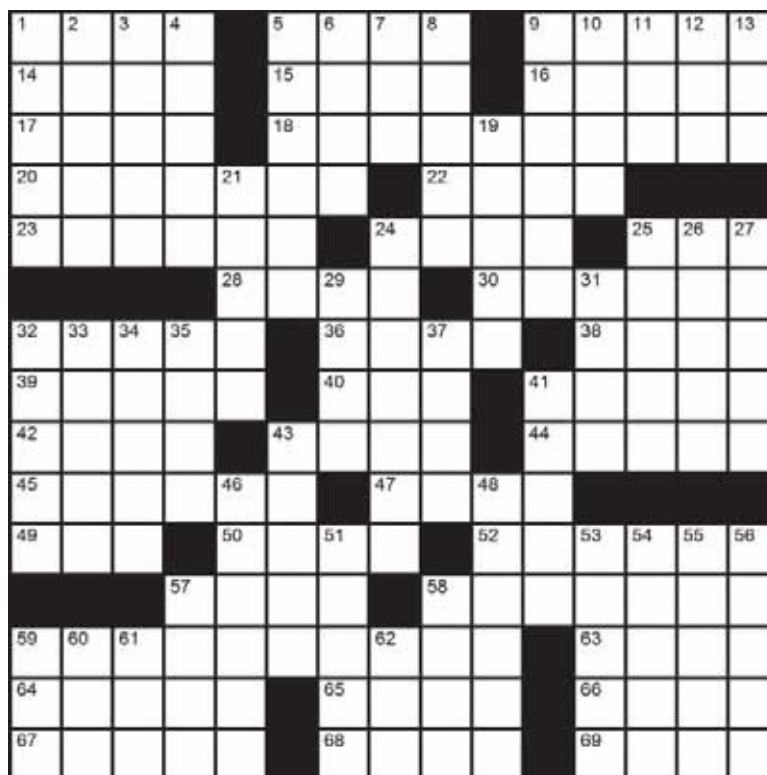
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Relaxed running pace
5. 'Hypn' suffix
9. '80s rockabilly hit: "\_\_\_ Cat Strut"
14. Reykjavik is its cap.
15. Katy Perry hit
16. Angered
17. Gotchas!
18. 2015: Every-four-years sporting event that's in Toronto this summer: 3 wds.
20. Hoped-for candidate on a matchmaker's list: 2 wds.
22. Goofball
23. Singer/actress Ms. Gomez
24. Ancient queen of Greek mythology
25. Key above Caps Lock
28. Grimm opener...
30. Light up, in verse
32. Montreal \_\_\_ (Where the Canadiens once played)
36. Nameless [abbr.]
38. "Ah, me."
39. Picture
40. Glamorous getaway
41. Life sign
42. Man on the Moon
43. Convene
44. That is, in Latin: 2 wds.
45. Fire up
47. Blue-green
49. Enunciate
50. Mr. Estrada



52. Understated
57. Slumps
58. Headache pill
59. Magical password!: 2 wds.
63. Three-\_\_\_ sloth
64. "Dawson's Creek" actress Ms. Holmes

65. Stratford-\_\_\_Avon
66. "No Particular Place \_\_\_" by Chuck Berry
67. Conform
68. Formerly, fancily
69. Disgorge

### DOWN

1. Mr. Hems-worth's
2. Earth tone
3. "\_\_\_ Harbor" (2001)
4. Vintage dairy products cow
5. "\_\_\_ Black" (TV

- show starring Canadian actress Tati-Maslany)
6. Perfectly: 2 wds. + letter
7. Mr. Fleming, James Bond creator
8. Pet rocks, for one

9. Indicate
10. Cafeteria carrier
11. Clash
12. Lunch
13. "Okay."
19. Comedian/actor Cheech
21. Pointed-hat garden ornament
24. Nag
25. Tutu textile
26. Accumulate
27. Hassle
29. Pillow's packaging
31. Glorify
32. Done, in Montreal
33. \_\_\_-3 fatty acids
34. Forecast on an in-need-of-umbrella day
35. Kind of citrus fruit
37. Like Cheerios
41. WWII-era model
43. Unify in the corporate world
46. Silverware service: 2 wds.
48. Acquiesce
51. Debated dispute
53. Ship's mooring posts
54. Soldiers group
55. Vassal
56. Fund
57. Trim
58. Tunestress
59. Quebec-made cheese
60. Launch site
61. Helios' 'H'
62. Calendar abbr.

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Your feelings for a certain individual will reach a peak. However, the planets warn that this may not be the best time to reveal your true intentions — keep them secret just a little while longer.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Saturn urges you to face up to problems in your most important relationships. You need to bring resentments into the open where they can be dealt with once and for all.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You must take care of duties and responsibilities that should have been taken care of long ago. You've put them off long enough — now it's time to knuckle down.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
The planets warn you need to be careful who you let into the secrets of your heart. It could be you have a rival for the object of your affections. Don't let them know how you feel.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
What happens today will touch you deeply and magnify your feelings — you may not be able to control yourself. If you lose your cool you must make amends as soon as possible.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Don't let anyone tell you what you should and should not be doing. Cosmic activity urges you to have a good time socially whether or not loved ones or authority figures approve.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
No matter how hungry you are for fame and fortune you must not cut corners or take liberties. If you want success to last you must make sure it has strong foundations.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
If a friend or work colleague proposes that you do something different over the next few days don't dismiss the idea out of hand. You may be a creature of habit but sometimes it is good to go off at a tangent.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
The planets suggest you will be somewhat unyielding today. Be warned, however, that if it comes down to a battle of wills you are likely to be the long-term loser.

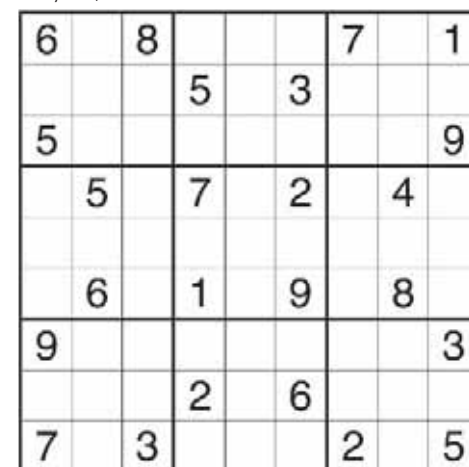
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You have many great ideas but before you start working on any of them it might be wise to seek the opinions of people you trust. There may be something small but important that you have missed.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You may be tempted to lay down the law with someone who did a poor job or let you down, but is that really the best approach? Find out why they failed. Maybe they need help.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Cosmic activity makes you both dynamic and relaxed about life and with a combination like that you are sure to succeed.

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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